REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Fleming County Fiscal Court audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

Fund balances increased by \$171,133 from the beginning of the year, resulting in a cash surplus of \$2,076,432 as of June 30, 2002.

Debt Obligations:

Capital lease principal agreements totaled \$846,112 as of June 30, 2002. Future principal and interest payments of \$923,420 are needed to meet these obligations.

Report Comment:

• Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Deposits:

The fiscal court's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and equity arising from cash transactions of Fleming County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2002, and the related statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fleming County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, Fleming County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and equity arising primarily from cash transactions as of June 30, 2002, of Fleming County, Kentucky, and the revenues received and expenditures paid for the year then ended, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.



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In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated April 21, 2003 on our consideration of Fleming County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Fleming County, Kentucky. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

• Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - April 21, 2003

FLEMING COUNTY OFFICIALS

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Fiscal Court Members:

Homer D. Hurst, Jr. County Judge/Executive

Ray H. Money Magistrate
Larry Dearing Magistrate
Steve Call Magistrate
Roger Jolley Magistrate
Timmy Gulley Magistrate
Chris Hickerson Magistrate

Other Elected Officials:

John Price County Attorney

Gary Conley Jailer

Marilyn Spencer County Clerk

Pam Lowe Circuit Court Clerk

Jerry Wagner Sheriff

Connie Crain Property Valuation Administrator

Joe Denton Coroner

Appointed Personnel:

Kathy Dryden County Treasurer
Jackie Jones Finance Officer
James Watkins Road Supervisor
Mike Marshall 911 Administrator

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

FLEMING COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

June 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)		
		General	Special ral Revenue				
Assets and Other Resources							
Assets							
Cash and Cash Equivalents Notes Receivable (Note 4) Cash-	\$	1,284,463	\$	793,801 156,848	\$	2,078,264 156,848	
Total Assets	\$	1,284,463	\$	950,649	\$	2,235,112	
Other Resources							
Amounts to Be Provided in Future Years for:							
Capital Leases (Note 5)	\$	520,471	\$	325,641	\$	846,112	
Total Other Resources	\$	520,471	\$	325,641	\$	846,112	
Total Assets and Other Resources	\$	1,804,934	\$	1,276,290	\$	3,081,224	

FLEMING COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS June 30, 2002 (Continued)

(Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	Special General Revenue						
Liabilities and Equity							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Payroll Revolving Account Payroll Withholdings Account Capital Leases (Note 5)	\$	724 1,108 520,471	\$	325,641	\$	724 1,108 846,112	
Total Liabilities	\$	522,303	\$	325,641	\$	847,944	
<u>Equity</u>							
Fund Balances: Unreserved	\$	1,282,631	\$	950,649	\$	2,233,280	
Total Equity	\$	1,282,631	\$	950,649	\$	2,233,280	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	1,804,934	\$	1,276,290	\$	3,081,224	

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

FLEMING COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

General Fund	Гуре
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		Totals			I	Road and		
	(M	emorandum		General		Bridge		
Cash Receipts		Only)		Fund		Fund	J;	ail Fund
Schedule of Operating Revenue	\$	3,964,004	\$	2,633,872	\$	919,329	\$	88,085
Other Financing Sources:								
Transfers In		447,384		25,000		25,282		123,000
Borrowed Money-								
Kentucky Advance Revenue Program	1	1,220,700		1,220,700				
Lease-Purchase Proceeds		332,719						
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Total Cash Receipts	\$_	5,964,807	\$	3,879,572	_\$_	944,611	\$	211,085
Cash Disbursements								
Comparative Schedule of Final Budget								
and Budgeted Expenditures	\$	3,988,073	\$	2,425,681	\$	974,974	\$	224,159
Other Financing Uses:	•	, ,	·	, ,	·	,	·	,
Transfers Out		447,384		422,384		25,000		
Capital Leases-		,		•		,		
Principal Paid		137,517		24,047		90,000		
Kentucky Advance Revenue Program								
Repaid		1,220,700		1,220,700				
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Total Cash Disbursements	\$	5,793,674	\$	4,092,812	\$	1,089,974	\$	224,159
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts								
Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	\$	171,133	\$	(213,240)	\$	(145,363)	\$	(13,074)
Cash Balance - July 1, 2001		1,905,299		941,385		504,130		13,586
Cash Balance - June 30, 2002	\$	2,076,432	\$	728,145	\$	358,767	\$	512

FLEMING COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002 (Continued)

Ger	eral Fund Type	Special Revenue Fund Type						
	Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		Forest Fire Fund		evolving Loan Fund	Dispatch Fund		
\$	104,027	\$	1,744	\$	49,707	\$	167,240	
	193				225		273,684	
							332,719	
\$	104,220	\$	1,744	\$	49,932	\$	773,643	
\$	36,209	\$	1,668	\$	111	\$	325,271	
	15,201						8,269	
\$	51,410	\$	1,668	\$	111	\$	333,540	
\$	52,810 142,397	\$	76 48	\$	49,821 303,753	\$	440,103	
\$	195,207	\$	124	\$	353,574	\$	440,103	

FLEMING COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2002

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements of Fleming County include the funds, agencies, boards, and entities for which the fiscal court is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, as amended by GASB 14, was determined on the basis of the government's ability to significantly influence operations, select the governing authority, participate in fiscal management and the scope of public service. Based upon the application of the criteria stated in GASB 14, management has included the Public Properties Corporation as part of the reporting entity.

The Public Properties Corporation is a legally separate entity established to provide long-term debt service for the fiscal court. The Public Properties Corporation's governing body consists entirely of fiscal court members. Therefore management must include the Public Properties Corporation as a component unit and the financial information should be blended with that of the fiscal court. However, since there was no financial activity for the Public Properties Corporation, no financial statement disclosure is necessary.

Additional - Fleming County Constitutional Elected Officials

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Attorney
- County Clerk
- County Sheriff
- Property Valuation Administrator

The Kentucky constitution provides for election of the above officials from the geographic area constituting Fleming County. Pursuant to state statute, these officials perform various services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its judicial courts, the fiscal court, various cities and special districts within the county, and the board of education. In exercising these responsibilities, however, they are required to comply with state laws. Audits of their financial statements are issued separately and individually and can be obtained from their respective administrative offices.

B. Fund Accounting

Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The government uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fleming County Fiscal Court's fund types, a definition of each, and county funds included within each fund type are listed below.

1) General Fund Type

General Fund Type accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund type. The Fleming County General Fund Type includes the following county funds: General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, Jail Fund and Local Government Economic Assistance Fund.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2) Special Revenue Fund Type

Special Revenue Fund Type accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for the specified purpose. The Fleming County Special Revenue Fund Type includes the following county funds: Forest Fire Fund, Revolving Loan Fund (formerly known as Community Development Block Grant Fund) and Dispatch Fund.

C. Basis of Accounting

For all fund types, the county utilizes a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, assets, liabilities, and related revenues and expenditures are recorded when they result from cash transactions, with a few exceptions. This modified cash basis recognizes revenues when received, except for the recording of long-term receivables. Expenditures are recognized when paid, except for the recording of long-term obligations and amounts to be provided in future years.

D. Legal Compliance - Budget

The Fleming County budget is adopted on a cash basis of accounting and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer. The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed expenditures to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

E. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in bank accounts, and investments are stated at cost. Investments may include certificates of deposit on the financial statements; however, for the purpose of disclosing credit risk (Note 3), investments exclude certificates of deposit.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county has elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system which covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 6.41 percent.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report.

Note 3. Deposits

The county maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the county and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of June 30, 2002, the county's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the county's agent in the county's name, or provided surety bond which named the county as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

Note 4. Receivables

- A. The county loaned \$225,000 to Fleming County Industries, Inc. on August 17, 1985, for the purpose of industrial development. Terms of the agreement stipulate a 20-year repayment schedule at three-percent interest. Fleming County Industries, Inc. is in substantial compliance with the terms of the agreement. As of June 30, 2002, the principal balance due was \$61,837.
- B. The county loaned \$300,000 to Fleming County Industries, Inc. on April 29, 1991, for the purpose of industrial development. Terms of the agreement stipulate a 15-year repayment schedule at three-percent interest. Fleming County Industries, Inc. is in substantial compliance with the terms of the agreement. As of June 30, 2002, the principal balance due was \$95,011.

Note 5. Long-Term Debt - Capital Leases

A. On May 26, 1999, the Fleming County Fiscal Court entered into an \$87,000 lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's office and road equipment. The agreement requires variable monthly payments for 48 months to be paid in full June 20, 2003. The principal balance of the agreement was \$23,113 as of June 30, 2002. Lease payments for the remaining year are:

Fiscal Year Ended	Scheduled		Scheduled		
June 30	Interest		Principal		
2003	\$	520	\$	23,113	
Totals	\$	520	\$	23,113	

B. On August 20, 2000, the Fleming County Fiscal Court entered into a \$500,000 lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties for the paving of county roads. The agreement requires variable monthly payments for 60 months to be paid in full July 20, 2005. The principal balance of the agreement was \$410,000 as of June 30, 2002. Lease payments for the remaining years are:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Scheduled		Scheduled Principal		
Julie 30		Interest	Fillicipai		
2003	\$	15,500	\$	95,000	
2004		10,720		100,000	
2005		5,340		105,000	
2006		440		110,000	
Totals	\$	32,000	\$	410,000	

Note 5. Long-Term Debt - Capital Leases (Continued)

C. On August 28, 2001, the Fleming County Fiscal Court entered into an \$80,000 lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties for the renovation of the Courthouse. The agreement requires variable monthly payments for 60 months to be paid in full January 20, 2006. The principal balance of the agreement was \$65,000 as of June 30, 2002. Lease payments for the remaining years are:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Scheduled Interest		Scheduled Principal		
2002	Φ.	1.000	Φ.	15.000	
2003	\$	1,998	\$	15,000	
2004		1,488		15,000	
2005		978		15,000	
2006		397		20,000	
Totals	\$	4,861	\$	65,000	

D. On August 28, 2001, the Fleming County Fiscal Court entered into a \$25,925 lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties for the purchase of an ambulance and life saving equipment. The agreement requires variable monthly payments for 60 months to be paid in full August 28, 2001. The principal balance of the agreement was \$22, 358 as of June 30, 2002. Lease payments for the remaining years are:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Scheduled Interest		Scheduled Principal		
2003	\$	805	\$	4,925	
2004		604		5,125	
2005		395		5,334	
2006		178		5,551	
2007		9		1,423	
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Totals	\$	1,991	\$	22,358	

Note 5. Long-Term Debt - Capital Leases (Continued)

E. On April 5, 2002, the Fleming County Fiscal Court entered into a \$332,719 lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties for the purchase of 911 emergency equipment. The agreement requires variable monthly payments for 84 months to be paid in full April 20, 2009. The principal balance of the agreement was \$325,641 as of June 30, 2002. Lease payments for the remaining years are:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Scheduled Interest		Scheduled Principal		
2003 2004 2005	\$	9,943 8,516 7,041	\$	43,261 44,691 46,166	
2006 2007 2008-2009		5,518 3,945 2,973		47,689 49,262 94,572	
Totals	\$	37,936	\$	325,641	

Note 6. Long-Term Debt - Bonds

In March 1996, the Public Properties Corporation agreed to issue \$1,500,000 Series 1996 Lease Revenue Bonds for the second remodeling project for the Fleming County Hospital. Subsequently, the Public Properties Corporation entered into a lease agreement with the Fleming County Hospital. The Fleming County Hospital bears sole financial responsibility for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds.

Note 7. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, Fleming County was a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties' All Lines Fund (KALF). KALF is a self-insurance fund and was organized to obtain lower cost coverage for general liability, property damage, public officials' errors and omissions, public liability, and other damages. The basic nature of a self-insurance program is that of a collectively shared risk by its members. If losses incurred for covered claims exceed the resources contributed by the members, the members are responsible for payment of the excess losses.



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

FLEMING COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Budgeted Funds	(Budgeted Operating Revenue	Actual Operating Revenue	Over (Under) Budget
General Fund Type				
General Fund Road and Bridge Fund Jail Fund Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	\$	4,426,521 740,377 79,551 96,147	\$ 2,633,872 919,329 88,085 104,027	\$ (1,792,649) 178,952 8,534 7,880
Special Revenue Fund Type				
Forest Fire Fund Revolving Loan Fund Dispatch Fund		1,850 51,245 506,719	 1,744 49,707 167,240	(106) (1,538) (339,479)
Totals	\$	5,902,410	\$ 3,964,004	\$ (1,938,406)
Reconciliation				
Total Budgeted Operating Revenue Above Add: Budgeted Prior Year Surplus Add: Borrowed Money Less: Other Financing Uses				\$ 5,902,410 1,390,500 1,220,700 (1,434,716)
Total Operating Budget Per Comparative Schedule Of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 7,078,894





FLEMING COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Revenue Categories	Totals (Memorandum Only)		General Fund Type		Special Revenue Fund Type	
Taxes	\$	921,849	\$	776,180	\$	145,669
Excess Fees		80,406		80,406		
Licenses and Permits		4,472		4,472		
Intergovernmental Revenues		2,671,931		2,650,316		21,615
Charges for Services		33,684		33,621		63
Miscellaneous Revenues		162,626		121,098		41,528
Interest Earned		89,036		79,220		9,816
Total Operating Revenue	\$	3,964,004	\$	3,745,313	\$	218,691



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

FLEMING COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

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	GENERAL FUND TIPE						
Expenditure Categories	Final Budgeted Budget Expenditures					Under (Over) Budget	
General Government	\$	488,483	\$	506,531	\$	(18,048)	
Protection to Persons and Property		323,506		320,364		3,142	
General Health and Sanitation		3,276,327		1,455,616		1,820,711	
Social Services		600		300		300	
Recreation and Culture		82,939		61,009		21,930	
Roads		1,023,676		914,363		109,313	
Airports		2,500		2,500			
Debt Service		19,080		41,250		(22,170)	
Capital Projects		20,639				20,639	
Administration		754,599		359,090		395,509	
Total Operating Budget - General							
Fund Type	\$	5,992,349	\$	3,661,023	\$	2,331,326	
Other Financing Uses:							
Borrowed Money-							
Kentucky Advanced Revenue							
Program - Principal		1,220,700		1,220,700			
Capital Lease Agreement-							
Principal on Lease		205,747		129,248		76,499	
TOTAL BUDGET - GENERAL							
FUND TYPE	\$	7,418,796	\$	5,010,971	\$	2,407,825	

FLEMING COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002 (Continued)

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND T				ID TY	TYPE	
Expenditure Categories		Final Budget		Budgeted Expenditures		Under (Over) Budget	
General Government	\$	341,095	\$		\$	341,095	
Protection to Persons and Property		708,842		298,960		409,882	
Debt Service				914		(914)	
Administration		36,608		27,176		9,432	
Total Operating Budget - Special Revenue Fund Type	\$	1,086,545	\$	327,050	\$	759,495	
Other Financing Uses: KACO Leasing Trust Equipment Lease- Principal		8,269		8,269			
TOTAL BUDGET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPE	\$	1,094,814	\$	335,319	\$	759,495	

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of Fleming County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated April 21, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Fleming County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Fleming County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition.



Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Fleming County's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying comment and recommendation.

• Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not believe that the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - April 21, 2003



FLEMING COUNTY COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

We conclude the internal control structure lacks a proper segregation of duties. There is a limited staff size, which prevents adequate division of responsibilities. The Treasurer has statutory authority to assume the role as custodian of monetary assets, as well as recorder of transactions and preparer of financial statements. The Treasurer also prepares bank reconciliations for all county bank accounts. This lack of adequate segregation of duties is considered to be a reportable condition but is not considered to be a material internal control weakness. We recommend that accounts be reconciled by an employee other than the Treasurer.

County Judge/Executive Larry Foxworthy's response:

We will follow the auditor's recommendations.

County Treasurer Kathy Dryden's response:

I was not asked who did what, 2 members of staff not available now, left in January.

NONCOMPLIANCES

None.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

The Fleming County Fiscal Court hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Economic Development Program and Local Government Economic Assistance Program was expended for the purpose intended as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

County Judge/Executive

Kathy Dryden

County Tradings